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Applicant: Koya Suzuki, et al.

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Serial No.: 09/972,448

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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** as pending are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are reflected on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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**IN THE DRAWINGS**

The attached sheets of amended drawings include amendments to Figs. 21, 22, and 5. In Figs. 21 and 22, the term “prior art” has been added. In Fig. 5, the reference numeral 108 referring to the leading end portion has been amended to recite “108s” in accordance with the specification, for example as in Fig. 4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets  
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes